Medical/Surgical Skills Lab Reopens

The College of Medicine Chattanooga is pleased to announce that the Medical/Surgical Skills Laboratory re-opened in January after being closed for 15 months due to relocation and renovation.

Dr. Phillip Burns, Medical Director for the Skills Lab, said, “It is good to have this vital educational element again available to our students, residents and practicing staff at our institution. Skills training has become more and more frequently required by credentialing agencies such as the Residency Review Committee as an important part of medical education.”

The new facility has state of the art operating rooms, micro-surgery rooms, an anatomical study room and a classroom. Chattanooga residents practice the latest surgical techniques and medical students are taught basic surgical skills and practices.

Contact Richard Cook (423-778-2960) for scheduling or additional information.

Dean’s Search Underway

A search committee, chaired by Phillip Burns, MD, has met to discuss the process for filling the UT COM-C Dean’s position, currently held by Interim Dean B W. Ruffner, MD. Atlanta-based Baker-Parker and Associates, a senior level executive search firm, has been hired to advertise and screen applicants for the position. A list of qualified candidates will be available for the committee to review in March. Interviews and site-visits will be scheduled based on the committee’s recommendations.
UT COM-C Faculty Honored as Distinguished Physicians

The fourth annual Baroness Erlanger Foundation Distinguished Physicians Brunch honored Drs. Phillip Burns and Thomas Currey on February 3, 2007 at the Chattanooga Golf and Country Club.

According to Allison Moore, event chairperson and Foundation board member, Drs. Burns and Currey were chosen to be honored during this year’s event for their unquestionable character, as well as their commitment and excellence in medicine to the region’s medical community. “These two men have dedicated their life’s work to Erlanger, and to honor them is the Foundation’s way of saying thank you,” stated Ms. Moore.

Dr. Burns has practiced with University Surgery Associates since 1976 and was most recently appointed both president of the Southern Surgical Association and the Southeastern Surgical Congress. As professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery at the UT COM-C, Dr. Burns works with approximately 32 surgical residents during the six-year program. In addition to his many professional organizations and hospital appointments, Dr. Burns is actively involved with the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, the Chattanooga Surgical Foundation, and Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation.

Dr. Currey has practiced as an orthopaedic surgeon with University Orthopaedics for the past 35 years and has served as practice president since 1999. He is chairman and associate professor of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at UT COM-C, as well as current president of the Tennessee Orthopaedic Society. Dr. Currey is also a member of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, the Tennessee Medical Association, and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Past honorees of this event include Drs. C.R. Clark, Walter Pucket, Clifton Cleaveland, Charles Sternburgh, Phyllis Miller, and the late C. Harold Alper. The event also serves as a fundraiser for the Baroness Erlanger Foundation and provides needed funds for the enhancement of various hospital-wide programs, equipment, and to support life-changing research at Erlanger.

Scott Evans, MD Earns Honors

Scott Evans, MD is the first fellow to graduate from the UT COM-C’s geriatric medicine residency, based in the Department of Family Medicine. He has been notified of his successful completion of board examination in geriatric medicine. He has therefore earned the Certificate of Added Qualifications in Geriatric Medicine, which is presented jointly by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Family Medicine. Congratulations to Dr. Evans for his remarkable achievement!

Comments, articles, and announcements for the COMmunicator can be submitted in publishable format to Sylvia Friedl, Office of Human Subject Protections, sylvia.friedl@erlanger.org, 423.778.3899.
Family Medicine Residency and Geriatrics Fellowship Excel

Friday, January 26, 2007 proved to be a red letter day for both the UT COM-C Family Medicine Residency and the Geriatrics Fellowship. That was the day both received Continued Accreditation from the Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Both programs were approved for the maximum five year review cycle. Congratulations to the Department of Family Medicine faculty, residents, and staff for an outstanding achievement.

Orthopaedic Surgery Welcomes New Faculty

Mark G. Freeman, MD and F. Barry Hodges, II, MD joined the UT College of Medicine-Chattanooga faculty in August. Each holds an appointment as Clinical Instructor with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Dr. Freeman is in practice with the Orthopaedic Institute of Chattanooga. He obtained his medical degree at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville in 2000 and completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at the UT COM-C in 2005. Dr. Freeman completed a fellowship in Adult Reconstruction/Joint Replacement in 2006 with Drs. Fehring, Griffin, Mason, McCoy, and Beaver at OrthoCarolina in Charlotte.

Dr. Hodges is in practice with University Orthopaedics. He obtained his medical degree at Medical College of Georgia in August in 1970 and was a flight surgeon with the U.S. Air Force from 1971 through 1973. He completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at Georgia Baptist/Scottish Rite Hospitals in Atlanta in 1977. Dr. Hodges joins us from private practice in Dalton, GA.

Updated Chief Residents List for 2007

There have been some revisions to the Chief Residents. New department and program chiefs will be named in July.

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Recent Publications


Did you know ...

That the University’s fiscal policy for travel has been updated? Individuals who travel for the University are encouraged to read the policy and refer to the reimbursement schedule found on the Treasurer’s Office web site. http://treasurer.tennessee.edu/travel/default.htm

Call for Abstracts

The American Public Health Association is announcing the Call for Abstracts for the 2007 Annual Meeting to be held November 3-7 in Washington, DC. The theme of the meeting is, “Politics, Policy and Public Health.”

Abstracts in all areas of public health are encouraged as well as abstracts that focus on the meeting theme. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words and must include learning objects.

All abstracts must be submitted online. An easy to use online form will walk you through the process step-by-step. The site is now open so you may link directly to the abstract submission form through the APhA website at http://www.apha.org/meetings or http://apha.confex.com/apha/135am/oasys.epl.
The UT COM Chattanooga Research Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting of 2007. The mission of this committee is to advise and inform departments/programs affiliated with the UT COM-C concerning research activities across the Chattanooga Campus. Committee membership is open to all faculty and residents who have research interests or conduct or plan to conduct research through the UT COM-C/EHS network. Committee activities will be conducted according to Robert’s Rules.

This advisory committee will:

1) Convene on a monthly basis to update research activities across the UT COM-C campus and to facilitate collaboration and cooperation on research activity;

2) Advise the Dean of the UT COM-C regarding current research activity and to collaborate with the Dean’s office to ensure that appropriate policies and procedures guiding research activity are developed and implemented across all academic units;

3) Provide assistance to all departments in their efforts to establish viable and functioning research committees for the purpose of reviewing research proposals, projects, and manuscripts;

4) Provide scientific review of proposals/manuscripts through an appointed ad hoc review sub-committee in the event that a specific department is unable to carry out their scientific and research responsibilities.

IRB Passes FDA Inspection

The Food and Drug Administration conducts Institutional Review Board inspections to determine if IRBs are operating in compliance with current FDA regulations and statutory requirements and if the IRBs are following their own written procedures. The UT/EHS IRB underwent a surveillance inspection (a periodic, scheduled inspection to review the overall operations and procedures of the IRB) from January 9 - 22, 2007. Congratulations to Stacey Hendricks, IRB Administrator, and John Morgan, MD, IRB Chair, for a very positive report at the completion of the inspection.
Note to PI

The DHHS Office for Human Research Protections has launched a new website of frequently asked questions. These will be the subject for the “Note to PI” section over the next few months. You can find more detailed information at http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/policy/index.html#faq.

What Are Investigators’ Responsibilities During the Conduct of an Approved Research Study?

Investigators play a crucial role in protecting the rights and welfare of human subjects and are responsible for carrying out sound ethical research consistent with research plans approved by an IRB. Along with meeting the specific requirements of a particular research study, investigators are responsible for ongoing requirements in the conduct of approved research that include, in summary:

- obtaining and documenting informed consent of subjects or subjects’ legally authorized representatives prior to the subjects’ participation in the research, unless these requirements have been waived by the IRB (45 CFR 46.116; 45 CFR 46.117);

- obtaining prior approval from the IRB for any modifications of the previously approved research, including modifications to the informed consent process and document, except those necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to subjects (45 CFR 46.103(b)(4)); and

- ensuring that progress reports and requests for continuing review and approval are submitted to the IRB in accordance with the policies, procedures, and actions of the IRB as referenced in the institution’s OHRP-approved Federalwide assurance (45 CFR 46.103(b)(4), 45 CFR 46.109(e), 45 CFR 46.115(a)(1)).

In certain circumstances, investigators also would be responsible for meeting the following additional regulatory requirements:

- providing to the IRB prompt reports of any unanticipated problems involving risks to subjects or others (45 CFR 46.103(b)(5));
- providing to the IRB prompt reports of serious or continuing noncompliance with the regulations or the requirements or determinations of the IRB (45 CFR 46.103(b)(5)); and
- keeping certain records as required by the HHS regulations for at least three years after completion of the study (45 CFR 46.115(b)).
**2007 Annual Research Week Deadlines**

Questions?
Contact Greg Heath, DHSc, MPH, Director of Research
gregory-heath@utc.edu, 425-4432 or 778-4843

**Department/Program submission deadline:** Check with your Residency Coordinator.

**Mon, 2/5/07:** Electronically submit a completed abstract form (see pp 8-9) and a paper copy of the IRB Form H (see pp 10-14) to department/program chair. Forms are also available on the UT COMC website (http://www.utcomchatt.org/Research/Research.asp?dpage=irb).

**Mon, 2/19/07:** Department electronically submits the approved Abstract Form and a paper copy of Form H (both with Department/Program Chair signature) to Stacey.Hendricks@erlanger.org. The IRB will then review the Form H (if not previously reviewed by the IRB).

**Wed, 2/28/2007:** All abstract forms will be electronically submitted from the IRB office, given approval or exemption, to GME@erlanger.org.

**Tues, 3/6/2007:** Blinded abstracts and score sheets will be distributed to the Research Abstract Selection Committee.

**Mon, 3/19/2007:** Selection Committee members return scored abstract spreadsheet to the GME Office for tabulation.

**Thurs, 3/22/2007:** Selection Committee meets at 5:30 PM to make final selections for posters and oral presentations.

**Fri, 3/23/2007:** Departments and presenters notified of the Selection Committee’s decisions.

**Thurs, 3/29/2007:** Poster presenters meet with John Stroud and Dr. Heath regarding poster guidelines and appointment scheduling with Mr. Stroud for poster design and printing.

**Fri, 3/30/2007 through Mon, 4/16/2007:** Presenters meet *by appointment* with Mr. Stroud to submit all text and graphic files for layout of posters, proofing, etc.

**REVISED DATE: Mon, 4/23/2007:** Final proof approvals from authors/departments so printing can begin.

**Fri, 5/4/2007:** All poster authors and/or residency and research coordinators will bring their posters and presentation boards to the Medical Mall at 1:30 PM to assist Mr. Stroud and the GME staff in setting up the poster displays.

**Mon, 5/7 through Fri, 5/11/2007:** Posters on display in the Medical Mall.

**Fri, 5/11/2007:** Walking poster rounds in the morning and afternoon. Oral presentations and awards dinner in the evening.
Library Launches Marketing Program

The Medical Library is working with the Erlanger Marketing/Public Relations Department to promote use of this exceptional facility. Look for posters with familiar faces (Jim Brexler, Clif Cleavelend, Olen Grubb). Special thanks to Drs. Khan and Green for volunteering for this “photo opportunity!”

Continuing Medical Education Events

For information: call 423-778-6884 or visit the website: www.cmeconferences.org

Thursday, February 22, 2007
Clinical Trials on the Hotseat

8:00 - 11:30 AM
Probasco Auditorium
See last page of this newsletter for registration information

Friday, February 23, 2007
Documentation 101: Malpractice Maladies

9:00 - 12:00 noon
Probasco Auditorium
Video conference available at Bledsoe, East and North

Presenters:
Honorable Judge Neil Thomas III
Sharel Van Sandt Hooper, Attorney
Mike Richardson, Attorney

Participants:
Marcia McEvoy, RN, BSN, MSHA
Denise Ray, RN, Senior Vice President, CNO
Linda Morgan, RN

Registration Required: Contact Organizational Development at 423-778-2650
Clinical Trials on the Hot Seat

Thursday, February 22, 2007
8:00 - 11:30 AM
Probasco Auditorium

Is your office able to protect patients, reduce risk for your practice and conduct sound research—all within the laws?
Explore the medical, ethical, and legal issues in this interactive conference. Hear the voices of those affected in this case-study approach presented in video interview. Ask the experts in three panel discussions in this CME accredited course.

Faculty

Moderator: Donald Chamberlain, MD, Joseph Rudd, PhD
Associate Professor, Obstetrics/Gynecology
Assistant Professor, Director of Research
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

Lisa Staton, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine
Stacey Hendricks, CIM
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Please register by Friday, February 16